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SUBJECT: REGISTRATION OF BERLIN AGREEMENT.

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL MET WITH SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR VORONTOV MARCH 27 TO PRESENT THE AGREED TALKING POINTS ON UN REGISTRATION OF THE BERLIN AGREEMENT. AFTER FIRST MAKING CLEAR THAT HE WAS SPEAKING IN BEHALF OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AS WELL AS THE US STOESSEL OUTLINED THE WESTERN POSITION IN GENERAL TERMS AND THEN GAVE VORONTOV THE TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS AS A "NON PAPER".

2. VORONTOV SAID THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE PROPOSAL TO MOSCOW FOR CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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STUDIED BOTH BY THE SOVIETS AND BY THE EAST GERMANS. HIS GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ATTRACTIVE SINCE REGISTRATION BY THE GERMAN STATES OF THE AGREEMENTS FOR WHICH THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE WAS LEFT TO SOME NEBULOUS TIME IN THE FUTURE WELL AFTER ACTION BY THE FOUR POWERS. VORONTSOV DID NOT POSE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SENAT/ GDR ARRANGEMENTS AND THE CONTINGENCY RESPONSES WERE THEREFORE NOT USED. HE DID ASK WHETHER THE FRG WAS IN AGREEMENT PRESENT SYSTEM WHERE TEN OR SO OTHER PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF ECE ARE FREE TO INITIATE STUDIES ON ENVIRONMENT HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY AND RESULTS IN UNCOORDINATED EFFORT LACKING IN ADEQUATE FOCUS AND PROPER BALANCE. U. S. BELIEVES THESE SHORTCOMINGS CAN BE CORRECTED BY PUTTING SENIOR ADVISERS IN CHARGE OF ALL ECE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. OTHER SUBSIDIARY WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS A PART OF THEIR REGULAR ACTIVITIES BUT SUBJECT TO THE OVERALL GUIDANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE SENIOR ADVISERS. THIS APPROACH SHOULD APPEAL TO U. S. S. R. WHICH LIKE OURSELVES IS CONTINUOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE OF UN BODIES.

5. AS TO WORK PROGRAM U. S. FLEXIBLE BUT BELIEVES ECE SHOULD FOCUS ON PRACTICAL AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS WHICH WILL ASSIST POLICY MAKERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES IN SOLVING THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. WE BELIEVE HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TRANSNATIONAL PROBLEMS WHERE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION. WE ATTACH LOW PRIORITY TO WIDE RANGING AND GENERAL SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS AND STUDIES DEALING WITH BROAD POLICY ISSUES.

6. EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS U. S. WOULD FAVOR FOR INCLUSION IN ECE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM ARE:
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(1) STUDIES OF WATER AND AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS INVOLVING COMMONLY SHARED WATER BODIES AND AIRSHEDS AND POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO DEAL WITH THEM.

(2) ROLE OF ECE IN HELPING TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

(3) CONSIDERATION OF HOW NATIONAL PROTECTION
STANDARDS FOR MAJOR AIR AND WATER POLLUTANTS ARE
DERIVED.

(4) CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING COMMON
POLICIES TO CONTROL PRODUCTION AND USE OF TOXIC
CHEMICALS SO AS TO LIMIT THEIR RELEASE INTO
ENVIRONMENT.

(5) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT OF

TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONTROL EMISSIONS AND
DISCHARGES OF MAJOR POLLUTING INDUSTRIES.

7. FOR GENEVA - MISSION SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT FOR FOREGOING
IDEAS IN WESTERN CAUCUS. ROGERS

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